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Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Thao X. Le
Attorney Docket Number	81754.0064

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on February 13, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$750
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